WHEREAS, the State Constitution is the basis of South Dakota's government, outlining and limiting government and safeguarding the rights of the people; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Constitution is now over three-quarters of a century old and has been amended seventy-nine times; and

WHEREAS, the present Constitution contains inconsistencies, ambiguities, and obsolete material, and restricts the expression of the popular will; and

WHEREAS, four comprehensive Constitutional Amendments replacing the existing Executive, Judicial, Local Government, and Amending and Revisions Articles of the State Constitution have been approved by the State Legislature based on the recommendations of the State Constitutional Revision Commission and will be voted upon by the people of South Dakota on November 7:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October, 1972, to be

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and request all state institutions, the schools of every level, and appropriate private and public agencies, as well as the citizens of the State, study the State Constitution to consider carefully the need for its improvement and modernization and to evaluate the changes to be voted upon November 7th.

> IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 17th day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-two.

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE